

# Zoological Museum of the Zoological Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences

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The first hall, marine mammals



The second hall, fishes



The southern warehouse is in the left

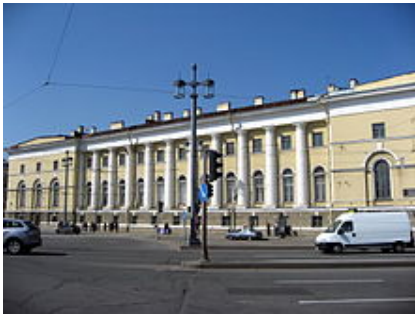
The **Zoological Museum of the Zoological Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences** is a Russian [museum](#) devoted to [zoology](#). It is located in [Saint Petersburg](#), on [Universitetskaya Embankment](#). It is one of the ten largest nature history museums in the world.<sup>[*citation needed*]</sup>

Peter the Great's [Kunstkamera](#) collections included [zoological specimens](#). In 1724, the museum became a part of the [Russian Academy of Sciences](#). A printed catalogue of the contents was published in 1742. It listed the zoology, [botany](#), [geology](#) and [anthropology](#) specimens and contained an album of etchings of the building and plan of some of its parts.

In 1766, [Peter Simon Pallas](#), a member of the [Russian Academy of Sciences](#), was appointed curator of Zoology. In 1832, the zoological collection was split from the [Kunstkamera](#) and, in 1896, moved nearby to its present location in the former southern warehouse of the [Saint Petersburg bourse](#) (constructed in 1826-1832). In 1931, the Zoological Institute was established within the Academy of Sciences, which included the museum.

In the front hall of the museum is a monument to [Karl Ernst von Baer](#) by the entrance, as well as skeletons of [cetaceans](#), including the enormous 27-metre-long (89 ft) [blue whale](#), and [mounted pinnipeds](#). In the gallery above the front hall, the entomological collection is displayed. The second and third halls form a long passage with systematic collections and [dioramas](#) dating back to the early 20th century. The second hall hosts the collection of

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The museum building

<b>Established</b>	1931
<b>Location</b>	<a href="#">Saint Petersburg</a> , Russia
<b>Coordinates</b>	<a href="#">59°56′32.54″N 30°18′19.64″E</a>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="#">Official Site</a> (in Russian) <a href="#">Official Site</a> (in English)

[fishes](#), [amphibians](#), [reptiles](#), [birds](#) and [invertebrates](#), mounted or preserved in [formalin](#), and their skeletons or shells. The collection of [mammals](#), including [woolly mammoths](#), is displayed in the third hall.



[Karl Ernst von Baer](#)



The enormous skeleton of a blue whale



Entomological collection



Mounted herons



Nematodes



The only mounted mammoth in the world<sup>[[citation needed](#)]</sup>



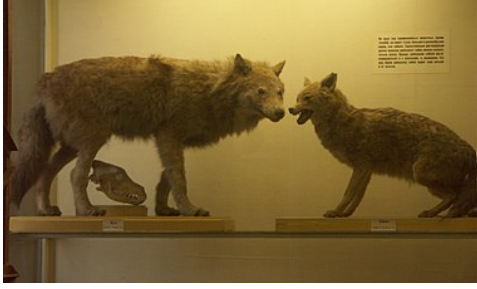
A small diorama



Baby [mammoth](#) Dima



[Striped hyena](#)



[Grey wolf](#) and [golden jackal](#)



Mammoth skeleton

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